lakhs out of loans drawn out of sanctions for 1988-89.

Feature Released By PIB

3922. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of features released by Press Information Bureau during the last three years;

(b) the number of Hindi features released out of them ; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to release more Hindi features ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Number of features released by PIB during the last three years:

1989	:	357
1990	:	436
1991	:	365 (Upto December 9, 1991)

(b) Number of Hindi features released out of them :

1989	:	112
1990	:	103
1991	:	098 (Upto December 9, 1991)

(c) All efforts are being continuously made to release more and more features in Hindi on different subjects. A Number of features are issued in Hindi on special occasions like Independence Day, Republic Day etc.

[Translation]

Teaching Of Languages Other than English And Hindi

3923. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a)whether except English, Maithili language is the only language among the languages recognised by Sahitya Academy and not included in the eighth schedule of Constitution which is being taught upto post - graduate level in six universities;

(b) the number of persons speaking languages other than the languages recognised by Sahitya Academy and Maithili according to census of 1991;and

(c) the reason for not including Maithili and other languages recognised by Sahitya Academy in eighth schedule of constitution ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) information is being collected .

(b) Data according to the 1991 census, is not available .

(c) The Government are of the view that inclusion of more language in the eighth schedule to the constitution would create other repercussions and reactions. However , it will continue to be the endeavour of the Government to develop cultural and literary heritage of all the language irrespective of their being included in the eighth schedule or not.